

## "The Tongue"

Subject: "How to Stop Grumbling"

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1. Some people are born pessimists.
2. The Israelites were chronic murmurers (Exodus 14: 11; 15: 24; 16: 3; 17: 3).
3. What is wrong with grumbling:—
  - (a) Murmurings against God's servants were murmurings against God (Exodus 16: 8).
  - (b) Our murmurings disturb God and others (Numbers 14: 26-39; 1 Cor. 10: 10).
  - (c) Grumbling reveals a lot about us.
  - (d) Its root is often unbelief in God.
  - (e) It often overlooks blessings and is actually downright ingratitude.
  - (f) It is linked to discontent which leads to covetousness.
4. How to overcome a grumbling tongue:—
  - (a) Contentment (Philippians 4: 11).
  - (b) Thankfulness (1 Thess. 5: 18).
  - (c) Trust in God (Job 1: 21-22).
5. The key text to slay grumbling (Romans 8: 31-39):—
  - (a) No opposition can finally crush us.
  - (b) No good thing will be finally withheld from us.
  - (c) No accusation can ever disinherit us.
  - (d) No separation from Christ's love can ever befall us.

"Those who wish to sing  
always find a song"

(Swedish Proverb)

